**Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Guwahati**

375. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to introduce Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Guwahati thrice a week;

(b) whether the Rajdhani Express is also proposed to be introduced between New Dehli and Bhubaneshwar thrice a week;

(c) if so, the date from which the above proposal is expected to be implemented; and

(d) the steps taken in the above direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) to (d) Frequency of 2423/2424 New Delhi-Guwahati Rajdhani Express has been increased from weekly to tri-weekly w.e.f. 26-1-1996.

However, there is no proposal at present to increase the frequency of 2421/2422 New Delhi-Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Express.

**Conversion of metre gauge into broad gauge**

376. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of destinations between which the work relating to Conversion of metre gauge into broad gauge was proposed during 1993-94 State-wise;

(b) the destinations where such conversion was completed before 31st December, 1994 or has already been completed;

(c) ti.e destinations where such conversions are likely to be done during 1995-96 and 1996-97; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) The following new gauge conversion works were taken up in 1993-94:

| S.No. | Name of the Section | Length/kms | Stale |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rewari-Bhatinda | 300 | Harayana-Tunjab |
| 2. | Jodhpur-Jaisalmer | 297 | Rajasthan |
| 3. | Luni-Marwar | 72 | Rajasthan |
| 4. | Lumding-Dibrugarh | 769 | Assam |
| 5. | Phulera-Marwar-Ahmedabad | 572 | Rajasthan/Gujarai |
| 6. | Neemuch-Ratlam | 135 | M.P./Rajasthan |

(b) and (c) The details of the sections converted into BG during 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and those targetted to be completed during 1996-97 are as under:

| S.No. | Name of the Section | Length Kms |
|---|---|---|
| Year 1993-94 | | 157 |
| 1. | Bhatinda-Hissar | 55 |
| 2. | Jaipur-Phulera | |